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15. A method for attaching a deck ledger board to a building structure comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a spacer having a body that includes a first planar side and an opposite second planar side and which a predetermined size, shape, and thickness,

and wherein said body includes a bolt hole adapted to receive a bolt therein, and including means for attaching said spacer to a ledger board, said means for attaching separate from said bolt hole and adapted to prevent said spacer from rotating with respect to said bolt hole;

(b) attaching a plurality of said spacers to one side of said ledger board;

(c) using said bolt hole in each of said plurality of said spacers as a pilot hole to drill a hole through said ledger board, said hole being of a size that is adapted to permit a bolt to pass through said ledger board and said bolt hole;

(d) placing said ledger board in a desired position adjacent to said structure;

(e) using each hole drilled in said ledger board and said bolt hole in each of said plurality of spacers as a pilot hole to drill a hole through said structure;
and

- (f) passing a bolt through said ledger board, said spacer, and said structure;
- (g) engaging a nut with threads on an end of said bolt; and
- (h) tightening said bolt with respect to said nut sufficient to secure said ledger board proximate to said structure and disposed away from said structure by a distance that is proximate the thickness of each of said spacers.